

protect said post from being struck by a moving object adjacent the support surface; [and] said barrier having contiguous front and rear portions defining a certain size interior enclosure adapted to enclose the post in the interior formed thereby to provide said [and for providing] complete spacing of said barrier away from the post[.] ;and said barrier rear portion has an extended support portion extending horizontally rearwardly significantly beyond the post.

Claim 2. (Amended) A vertical barrier as defined in [Claim] claim 1 wherein said barrier rear portion has an extended support portion extending horizontally rearwardly significantly beyond the post; and said barrier having securing means interior thereto positioned in said space between said barrier and the post[.] for securing said barrier to the support surface.

Claim 3. (Amended) A vertical barrier as defined in [Claim] claim 1 wherein said rearwardly extended support portion comprises two support portions extending horizontally rearwardly significantly beyond and spaced away from the post from each side of the post.

Claim 4. (Amended) A vertical barrier as defined in [Claim 1] claim 3 wherein said barrier front portion comprises two vertical panels extending respectively forwardly from said rear extended support portions away from the post and together forming a vertical prow-like vertex connection there between.

Claim 5. (Amended) A vertical barrier as defined in [Claim] claim 2 wherein said barrier front portion comprises two vertical panels extending respectively forwardly from said rear portions away from the post and together forming a vertical prow-like vertex connection there between.

Claim 6. (Amended) A vertical barrier as defined in [Claim 2] claim 3 wherein said barrier has oblique vertical bends between said front panel portions and respective adjacent extended side support portions.

Claim 7. (Amended) A vertical barrier as defined in [Claim] claim 1 wherein said barrier front portion includes two front panels having two sides extending away from the post and tapering together to a vertical prow-like vertex there between; said barrier having respective oblique vertical bends between said front [side] portions and respective extended side portions; and said barrier securing means within the interior [of] formed by said barrier includes securing means on said barrier and positioned in said interior space between said barrier rearwardly extending portions and adjacent said frontal vertex prow-like connection.

Claim 8. (Amended) A vertical barrier as defined in [Claim 7 wherein said] claim 2 having a securing means between said barrier rearwardly extending portions [comprises] with a central beam portion at the bottom of said rearward barrier portions positioned totally between and adjacent the most rearward portions thereof and secured to respective rearwardly extended barrier portions, and said central beam portion being